

REMARKS

Claims 17-21, 23-26, and 28-32 are pending in the application. Claim 30 has been amended.

The Office indicates that claims 17-29 are allowed. Claims 31 and 32 are provisionally rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-5, 9-14, 16, 31, and 32 of copending application serial no. 10/081,409. A terminal disclaimer has been filed in the '319 application to address this issue. A copy of the filed terminal disclaimer is attached to this amendment. We respectfully submit that the terminal disclaimer is effective to overcome the double patenting rejection.

The Office objects to claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. §112 and suggests that this objection can be overcome by amending claim 30 to depend from claim 23, as opposed to claim 24. This has been done by the present amendment to overcome the rejection.

We respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance. Applicant's attorney believes no further fees are due, however, should additional fees be deemed necessary in connection with this Response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 12-0600.

Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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